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Applicant hereby petitions to make this new application, which has not received any examination by the Examiner, special.

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- All the claims in this case are directed to a single invention.
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- the inventor
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Copy of References

- The references were provided to the Patent Office in three separate information disclosure statements mailed on June 28, 2002, December 17, 2002 and April 21, 2003.
- There is submitted herewith a copy of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims.
- Also attached are Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)

Detailed Discussion of the References

- There is submitted herewith a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion particularly points out how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over the references.

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